

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 742

By Swann

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Fred Leroy Tipton of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Fred Leroy Tipton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton served *The Daily Times*, Maryville's local newspaper, for 55 years, and he spent many of those years as the paper's production manager, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton began working as a delivery boy for the paper in 1953 with his brother Ed; and

WHEREAS, for most of his time at the paper, Mr. Tipton laid out the pages for the presses when *The Daily Times* was printed in-house, and he is remembered as a craftsman and one of the last professionals with his skill in printing with hot-metal presses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton is remembered for his dedication to producing the highest quality newspaper for his community, as well as his loyalty to his customers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, the late Patsy Whitehead Tipton, with whom he enjoyed 56 years of marriage before her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton was also preceded in death by his parents, Rubin and Edna Word Tipton, and his siblings, Wanda Smith, Norman Tipton, and Eddie Tipton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Tony Sullivan; his son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Terri Tipton; his grandchildren, Brandi Sullivan, Heather and Ryan Harrin, Cassi and Mike Phillips, Hillary Tipton, and Holly and Chris Rowe; and his great-grandchildren, Britney Phillips, Evan and Adelynn Haring, and Jaxon Rowe; and

WHEREAS, Fred Tipton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Fred Leroy Tipton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Tipton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.